



**1181st meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:00PM Wednesday September 24, 2014
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

NOTE THE EARLY START

1180th meeting, August 27, 2014

Lloyd Chan presented his program *Getting Excited and Enthrilled With Ancients*.

He began with a brief overview, primarily the coinage of the Greek city states, Greek colonies, and the Roman Empire. He focused on the earliest coinage of Ionia and Lydia—electrum coinage. While most pieces are expensive, there are collectable types available. After reviewing other coins of the Greek regions, he noted that coins were originally struck for religious use (offerings for example), civic pride (to commemorate victories in games and war), and for commerce (what we recognize as coins today). Commercial coinage included the stater and the tetradrachm (such as the Athenian owl coinage). Collecting themes include Animals, Architecture, Gods and Heroes, Events, Portraits, and defined series such as the Twelve Caesars. As with most collecting themes, one can choose routes that are inexpensive to very expensive.

Exhibits:

Mark shared a Mexico stock certificate for the 1901 Yucatan railroad, a San Francisco token from the Senor Pico restaurant, and a new Philippine medals and tokens book.

David shared the new 2014 silver baseball commemorative, a 1969 SF Trans-Bay Tunnel completion token and a 1973 BART completion token, a Willie McCovey batting cage token, and a 1930s waiters' strike token—Tips for Slaves.

Scott brought two giant (kilo) slabbed silver coins: Zaire 5000 N. Zaires (NGC PF67 UCAM) and a 10,000 N. Zaires (NGC PF69 UCAM).

Bill shared two early shell cards and a sales proof of sample pages of the TAMS new guide to U.S. Shell Cards written by Q. David Bowers.

Michael T. shared an 1881 Maundy set.

Michael W. shared the new \$5 gold baseball commemorative, a 1906 encased Indian Head cent from the San Francisco earthquake, and an unknown Greek coin.

Chris shared an 1886 British exhibition medal with a portrait of the Prince of Wales.

Lloyd displayed a Hadrian gold aureus, ca. 117 A.D.

Dan exhibited a 1909 large silver Hudson-Fulton inscribed banquet medal, a 420-438 A.D. Persian drachm, and a 1915 PPIE Louisiana State Dollar medal (HK 406) that he donated to the auction.

Please note that the September meeting will begin at 7 p.m. to allow for registering and conducting the White Elephant auction. All items and bids are donations to the PCNS to help meet our annual operating costs. All donations are gratefully accepted and donors acknowledged.

A Few September White Elephant Auction Items:

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION 1915

Souvenir Medals

42. Exposition Official Medal bronze (HK400) VF; and Cocobola Wood Souvenir VF - two items (\$15)

43. Louisiana Medal (HK406) slabbed MS63. (\$35)

44. Four Portraits Dollar (HK421) slabbed AU58 (\$25)

93. The Exposition by Robert A. Reid, views of the fair, 60+ pages, average condition, folio size (\$35)

94. Snap Shots of Scenes at The Panama-Pacific Exposition, staple bound booklet with 60+ fair views. Used, average condition. (\$15)

95. Views of The Panama-Pacific International Exposition in Natural Colors, cord bound folio size, edges a bit worn, otherwise excellent (\$35)

99. THE STORY OF THE EXPOSITION: Being The Official History of the International Celebration etc., by Frank Morton Todd, Knickerbocker Press, New York (1921). First Edition. Presented here are all five telephone-book-thick volumes, hardbound. One of the standard works from the fair. Profusely illustrated. Todd reviews all of the buildings, exhibits, gardens and art works. For numismatists a small section describes the manufacture and use of fair medals. A useful general reference.

Covers are in excellent condition with very little foxing inside. Little shelf wear. Vols. 1 and 4 have small, penned notes on flyleaves. Internet book sellers offer this series from between \$200 and \$450, occasionally more. On Amazon and ABE Books a few single original volumes are available at \$49. Elsewhere for \$60 to \$75.

2014 meeting Schedule:

October 22, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason
November 26, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason
December 17, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

7 PM: Note the early start!

September White Elephant Sale (Partial listing with minimum donation):

SAN FRANCISCO EXONUMIA

14. 1894 (Midwinter Fair) Mexican Souvenir Exposition California - square silver pendant 39mm, 37 grams. A piece rarely seen. VF-EF (\$75)

15. 1894 Midwinter Fair spoon abt. 4 inches long. Bear on handle, electric tower in bowl, brass, partly silvered, abt VF (\$15)

16. 1899 Oddfellows of California, 50th Anniversary and Discovery of Gold Souvenir Badge with pin and pendant. Octagonal bronze 52mm Unc (\$45)

17. 19th Century Five Advertising Pieces - M. Cohen, Will & Finck F-EF (\$15)

18. 1905 Theatrical Mechanical Association Convention Badge VF-EF (\$25)

19. 1930 Pacific-American Exposition, Portland, Oregon Souvenir Medal (HK459) bronze medal 34mm VF-EF (\$15) (This expo was never held!)

20. 1948 Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co. 1848 1948 100th Anniversary (miner panning for gold) Calif. gold discovery! Bronze medal 76mm, a few light nicks on edge. (\$10)

21. 1957 America Fore Insurance Group, Pacific Dept., Dedication of New Bldg., (Medallic Art Co N.Y.) bronze medal 69mm Unc. (\$10)

22. 1962 Golden Gate Bridge 1937-1962 25th Anniversary World's Greatest Suspension Bridge (view of bridge) (Medallic Art Co N.Y.) Bronze medal 64mm in original box (\$10)

23. 1965 Pacific National Life Insurance in Force \$1 Billion, San Francisco, Bronze medal 76mm Unc (\$10)

24. 1972-1977 San Francisco Mint-related bronze medals, 8 dif Unc.(\$25)

25. 20th Century bag of S.F. Hotel Key Tags used before the introduction of cards. Many are medallic with images of major hotels. Others have keys attached. A very few duplicates 30+ hotels, 45+ pcs. in various condition. (\$35)